SLASH
CHAAAGH
!!
Chapter 14
The Legendary Sword, Futsumo-Mitama
DID...
...DID I GET IT ?!

SHWOO
SHWOO
PSST
SHAKE
WRITHE
DAMMIT!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I CUT SOMETHIN' OFF, IT KEEPS GROWIN' BACK !!
HOW TH' HECK'M I S'POSTA STAY ALIVE IN THIS HOLE FOR HALF-A-DAY ?!
JŪBEI, YOU SUCCUBUS BITCH !!
K-SHAA

MAN, IF THIS KEEPS UP, I'M =DEAD= MEAT !!
GARK
GASP !!
OH, SHIII . . .

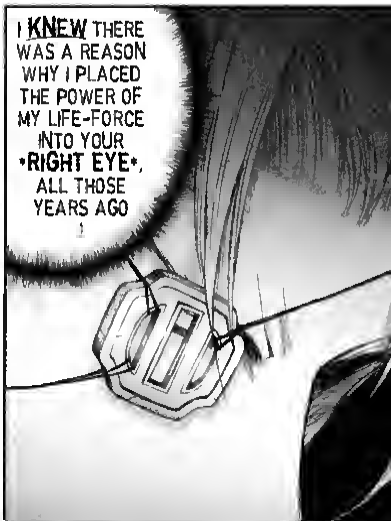
WHOOO
OOWAAAAAH!
SLASH
.....

FACING THE MANY DEMONS FROM HELL.
THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO TEMPER THE -STEEL- OF ONE'S SOUL, IS THERE ?
ONE WOULD BE VERY HARD PRESSED INDEED TO WIN AGAINST THE LIKES OF THEM WITH JUST A MERE KATANA.
AND FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN FROM HIM, MIKAZUCHI SHOULD REALIZE THIS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
STILL. NOW DOES ONE TRAIN TO BE A MASTER SWORDSMAN WHO CAN WIELD SOMETHING AS POWERFUL AS A HOLY SWORD? "EXPERIENCE" COUPLED WITH "BAPTISM BY FIRE" IS REALLY THE ONLY WAY.
BUT "EXPERIENCE" IS SOMETHING THAT A FRAGILE 14-YEAR-OLD, SUCH AS MIKAZUCHI, LACKS.
PLUS, THAT BOY COULD USE AN EXTRA HELPING IN THE COMMON SENSE DEPARTMENT, TOO
.....

HOO HOO HOO.. SOUNDS LIKE YOU'VE ALREADY WRITTEN THE KID OFF... MAYBE THIS'S A LITTLE TOO SOON FOR HIM YES ?
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.....
OH WHAT? YOU MEAN YOU ACTUALLY HAVE •REGRETS• FOR HAVING THROWN HIM TO THE WOLVES? IT'S REALLY NOT A PLACE FOR YOUNG ~BOYS~, NOW IS IT ?
OF COURSE AFTER SPENDING A MONTH WITH SUCH A •CUTE YOUNG LAD• IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR YOU TO BE A ~LITTLE~ WORRIED RIGHT ?
-DONT- PUSH IT.
WHATEVER STILL GIVE THE BOY SOME CREDIT.. HE'S NOT AS WEAK AS YOU MAY THINK HE IS.
AFTER ALL.....

"...HE WAS CHOSEN BY THE LEGENDARY THUNDER PRINCE, TAKEMIKA ZUCHINO MIKOTO."
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP TELLING ME THAT ?
HOO--HOO--HOO....
IF YOU HUMANS COULD ONLY LEARN A LITTLE COMMON SENSE, YOU'D KNOW IT'S POINTLESS TO WORRY.

OH TOUCHÉ! SO YOU ~DO~ UNDERSTAND !
ACTUALLY, IT'S PRETTY POINTLESS TO -EXPECT- COMMON SENSE FROM HUMANS.


I KNEW THERE WAS A REASON WHY I PLACED THE POWER OF MY LIFE-FORCE INTO YOUR *RIGHT EYE*, ALL THOSE YEARS AGO !

SOMEHOW... MANAGED... T'LOSE'EM
AN' THEN...?
THEN I CAN BEAT THAT BASTICH HOKUTO AN' AVENGE MY MASTER, AN' THEN
BUT I GOTTA DO THIS IF I WAHNA BE STRONGER
YEAH, THIS FRICKIN' PLACE'S A REAL HOOT
'COURSE, WITH MY LUCK, I'LL JUST DIE FROM THIRST INNA DITCH OR SOMETHIN'.
cinch

AN' THEN WHAT DO I DO AFTER THAT ?
OR RATHER
WHAT CAN I DO AFTER THAT ?
BACK ON TH'ISLAND... I THOUGHT EVERYDAY WAS JUST TH'SAME OL' BORIN' SHIT
ALL I WANTED BACK THEN WAS TO GET MY BUTT OFF-A THAT STUPID ROCK AN' SEE "THE WONDERS OF TH'WORLD"
BUT NOW
WIND ?
HOW CAN WIND BLOW IN A PLACE LIKE THIS ?

FWOOOSH
EVERYDAY, MY MASTER WOULD WORK MY ASS INTO THE GROUND WITH TRAININ'
HE DIDN'T CARE HOW NICE OR CRAPPY TH'WEATHER WAS TO HIM, *EVERY* DAY WAS A GOOD DAY FOR TRAININ'
WHOOSH
AN' THEN, JUST LIKE THAT HE WAS GONE
HE NEVER EVEN GOT TH' CHANCE TA TRAIN ME WITH 「FUTSUNO-MITAMA」
LET ALONE TEACH ME ITS SECRECTS

...I WONDER... IF MY MASTER WAS ALIVE TODAY...
WHAT WOULD HE SAY TO ME RIGHT NOW?
HWOOOO
GRRUN
HWOOOO
TOK
HUH ?!
A... A KID ?
WHAT TH HECK'S A KID DOIN' IHNA PLACE LIKE THIS ?!

NOT BAD, BOY, NOT BAD A-TALL !
A LI'L LONGER AN' YER'LL HAVE DONE YER HALF-DAY HERE !
!
OI. YER SEE YONDER LIGHT 'CROSS THAT THERE RIVER? THA'S THER WAY OUT.
THAT'S... TH'WAY OUTTA HERE ?
WELL... IF IT IS, THEN WHY'RE YOU STILL HERE, PO'S ?
. . . . . .
I MEAN, JEEZ, THIS SURE AIN'T NO PLAYGROUND TA BRING SOME LI'L KID TO, IZZIT ?
THER ONE WHO SHOULDN'T BE PLAYIN' AROUND IS YOU BOY! IT'S SUPPERTIME FER THER ONI, YER SEE ..
HUH ?!

HEEEEK!!
WHA!?!
GAARGH!!

GWAL
LOOK OUT !!
WATCH
ROLL
ROLL
OHHH-WARRGH !!

GWK
GHAGH
YER DANG FOOL!
I DOHN TOL' YER TA GIT YER ARSE TO YONDER LIGHT AN' ESCAPE, NOW DIDN'T I ?
WHAT KIND'VE -MORON- RISKS HIS LIFE TER SAVE A COUPLE-A GITS HE DOHN E'EN KNOW, ANYWAY ?!
TAKE THER CHILE AN RUN, IF'N YER WISHES
DOHN RIGHTLY 'SPECT YER LL GIT TOO FAR THOH
HURRY! THIS WAY !!
GREAT! NOW WHAT ?!
DU DU DU DU

I'VE
I'VE
I CAN'T DO SOMETHIN' AS SHITTY AS THAT JUST TA SAVE MYSELF !!
ABONDON SOME POOR LI'L KID TO THESE MONSTERS ?!
NO WAY !!
GWT !!
AN' GITCHER ARSE OUTTER HERE !!
NOW DROP THER CHILD
NOW'RE YER GOIN TER AVENGE YER MASTER AND PROTECT KONOKA AN SAYA IF'N YER DEAD ?!
YER PIN-HEADED LI'L WHELP!
YOR GOIN TER DIE RIGHT HERE, YER KNOW THAT ?!
DAMMIT, I THOUGHT I'D LOST THOSE ASSHOLES !!
OH, CRAP! IT'S THOSE MONSTERS I WAS FIGHTIN' BEFORE !!

...I'VE GOTTA BE STRONG!
I -NEED- TO BE STRONNNNG !!

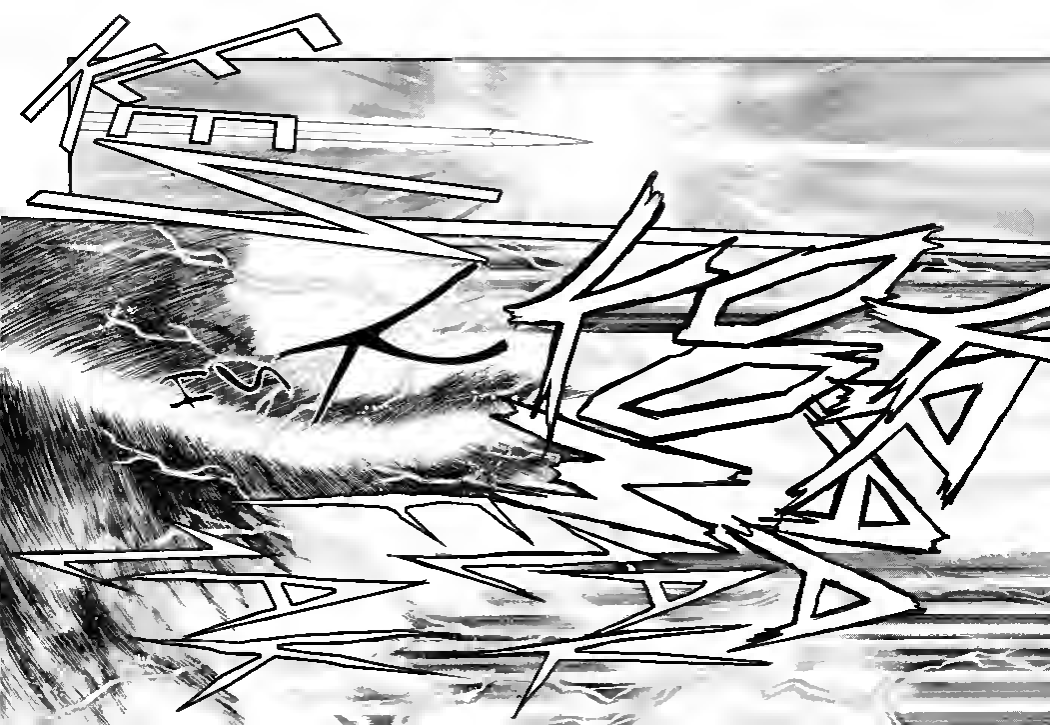
whe...
WHAT TH'HECK ?!
KK...
KT...
WHAT TH'HELL'S GOIN' ON ?!
MY SWORD...
IT'S
IT'S SUCKING MY STRENGTH FROM ME!!
NO!!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT!
IT'S MORE LIKE
...

AN' IN RETURN
IT'S PUMPIN' POWER THROUGH MY WHOLE BODY !
IT'S -PART- OF MY BODY
AN' I'M PUMPIN' -BLOOD- INTO IT !
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
GRHRRGH
POWER... THAT I... CAN'T
OOWAAGH !!

HOLD !!
OOWAAAGH !!
RAAA
GWAAGH !!
GYAAGH !!
GWAAGH !!

SLASH
WOOSH
THIS... THIS AIN'T MY KATANA! IT'S.....
.....IT'S TH'SACRED SWORD, 「FUTSUNO-MITAMA」!!
WHA-?!
WHAT IS THAT?!

GRRR
GASP!
EEEEH!!
I AIN'T GOTTA CLUE HOW YOU GOT HERE, BUT
...
...
FUTSUNO-MITAMA!!
LEND ME YOUR POWER ONCE MORE!!
FWAN



HOLY CRAP! ALLA THEM MONSTERS.....
..AN' I TOOK'EM OUT WITH -ONE- BLOW !
EVEN WHEN I USED SAYA'S SWORD I COULDN'T.....
DID THAT POWER COME FROM MY DESIRE TO PROTECT ?!
..HWOOO
KARAKARA
KOCHAKOCHA

AN' YOU ! I KNOW YOU WERE BROKEN !
SO WHAT TH'HELL'RE YOU DOIN' HERE, "FUTSUNO-MITAMA" ?!
GASP !
OH YEAH! WHERE'S THAT WAY OUTTA HERE TH' OL'COOT WAS TALKIN' ABOUT ?!
WOOP! TOO RAD, SOHNY! YER MISSED THER BOAT !
aw man
THER WAY OUT'S ALL CLOSED UP, NOW ....
HUH ?! NO WAY !!
LIKE I TOL' YER, YER DURN FOOL ....
...YER SHOULDA RAN OFF -ALONE- WHEN YER HAD THER CHANCE ...

ARRRGH
!
!!
WHAT TH'HELL GOOD WUZZIT FOR ME TA DO ALLA THAT COOL SHIT IF WE'RE STILL STUCK HERE ?!
YUP.
YER GONNA DIE HERE FER SURE HOW, SOHNY.
HONOKA AN' SAYA RE SORELY GONHA BE PISSED AT YER, TELL YER WHAT.
'SIDES, KNOWIN' TNOSE TWO, IF I HAD RUN OFF AN' LET THE KID DIE
...THEY'D'VE BEEH EVEN MORE PISSED AT ME !
YEAH, WELL, TOO LATE FOR ME TA CRY ABOUT IT.

SO....
...I THINK I GOT TH'BETTER END OF TH'DEAL BY HANGIN' WITH YA, POPS!
.....
WELL! LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA BE STUCK HERE FOR A WHILE!
SURE HOPE MY BEIN' HERE AIN'T GONNA CRAMP THE STYLE-A YOU TWO!!
AH ME.. YER'VE GROWN INTA QUITE THER YOUNG MAN MIKAZUCHI!!
hee-hee-hee! YES, WELL, IT CERTAINLY -DOES- CHANGE THINGS, YES INDEEDY.
NUH?!
PWAH
UNGH!!
WHO-- WHAT TH'HELL?!

◆ to be continued ◆

muh
MASTER
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but...
BUT...
HOW
?
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really
you...
MASTER
?
SHI-
SHŌ
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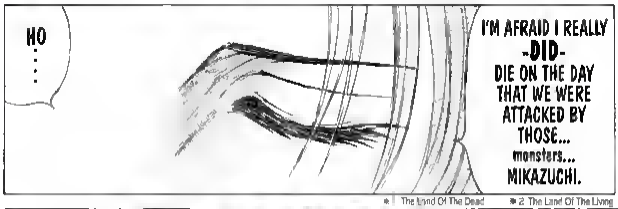
Chapter 15
Reunion



*1 The Land Of The Dead *2 The Land Of The Living

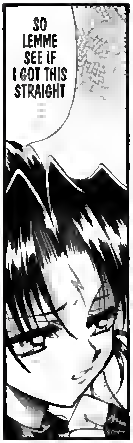
THIS IS THE REALM BETWEEN -TOKOYO-*1 AND -USSHIYO-*2.....
AND AS SUCH, IT IS THE ONE PLACE THAT MY SPIRIT FORM CAN MEET WITH YOUR PHYSICAL FORM.....

WHAT YOU HOLD IN YOUR HAND IS THE SOURCE OF YOUR POWER...
IT IS THE PHYSICAL FORM OF YOUR "GUARDIAN SPIRIT."
important ?!
IT IS TRUE, SON.
THE ONLY REASON I WAS ALLOWED BACK
WAS SO THAT I COULD TELL YOU SOME IMPORTANT THINGS THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.
n-NO! IT AIN'T TRUE! SEE! I C'N -TOUCH- YOU AN'—
BUT... BUT IT LOOKS JUST LIKE "FUTSUNO-MITAMA"
MY KATANA IS MY... GUARDIAN SPIRIT ?

* Rather, to be more precise, it contains a Fragment of his "Guardian Spirit."

IT IS.
"IT IS"? WHAT'S THAT S'POSTA MEAN?
I MEAN, "FUTSUNO-MITAMA" WAS BUSTED IN TWO, RIGHT? SO HOW CAN IT...
LONG AGO.. WHEN THE GODS WALKED THE EARTH
?!
"THE GOD "TAKEMIKAZUCHINO MIKOTO" BROKE OFF A PIECE OF THE EARTH AND CREATED FOR HIS DESCENDENTS A "SWORD OF THE GODS" WITH WHICH THEY COULD PROTECT THE LAND.
WITHIN THIS SWORD HE HAD PLACED A PIECE OF HIS SPIRIT, AND THUS THE HOLY SWORD "FUTSUNO-MITAMA" WAS BORN..
HIS TASK COMPLETE, "TAKEMIKAZUCHINO MIKOTO" THEN RETURNED TO THE HEAVENS."

DOES THE NAME FUTSUNO-ŌKAMI, "THE GREAT GOD OF THE LAND", SOUND FAMILIAR TO YOU, MIKAZUCHI ?
Ah... Um...
SQUINT
THA..THAT WAS..uh... ...THE NAME OF THE SHRINE WE USE TA PRAY IN BACK ON THIS ISLAND ?
maybe
THAT'S RIGHT. AND THIS "GREAT GOD OF THE LAND", FUTSUNO-ŌKAMI, IS JUST ANOTHER NAME FOR THE SACRED SWORD WITHIN WHICH TAKEMIKA ZUCHINO MITAMA, PLACED A PIECE OF HIS SPIRIT.
IN OTHER WORDS IT IS THROUGH FUTSUNO-MITAMA, THAT HIS GREAT POWER WELLS FORTH.
you... you mean... there's this piece of a DEAD GUY in...
NO. THINK OF IT MORE LIKE A PIECE OF HIS +LIFE FORCE+ INSTEAD OF A PIECE OF HIS +GHOST+
SO... SO, THIS PIECE A GOD-LIFE-FORCE-THING. IT'S KINNA LIKE TAKIN' A BIG BALL A MOCHI AN' BREAKIN' OFF A PIECE A IT AN STICKIN' IT IN TH' SWORD ?
THAT'S NOT EXACTLY... OHHHHH, THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH, I GUESS.



"THERE WAS THIS BIG OL' BALL-A GOD MOCHI CALLED **TAKEMIKA ZUCHINO MIKOTO**, AN' A PIECE-A IT GOT BROKEN OFF INTO A SMALLER BALL-A MOCHI CALLED **FUTSUNO-ŌKAMI**, RIGHT ?

TAKEMIKA ZUCHINO MIKOTO mochi

POIT

GREAT GOD OF THE LAND mochi

...AN' THEN THIS LI'L BALL-A MOCHI GETS PUT INTO TH' HANDLE OF A SWORD, AN' PRESTO! TH' SWORD BECOMES TH' ONE AN' OHLY **FUTSUNO-MITAMA** !"

GREAT GOD OF THE LAND mochi

FUTSUNO-MIYAMA'S HILT

SURE... WHATEVER WORKS FOR YOU, SON.

EEEE-YES! I DONK FIGGERED IT OUT WIV MY BRAIN! I ARE A GE-NI-US !!

HOW, THIS "LITTLE PIECE OF MOCHI", **FUTSUNO-ŌKAMI**, THAT GETS "PUT INTO THE SWORD" TO GIVE IT **TAKEMIKA ZUCHINO MIKOTO'S** POWER HAS ITS OWN SPECIAL STORAGE PLACE

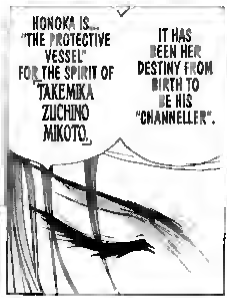
HUH? YA MEAN IT AIN'T IN TH' SWORD ALREADY? THEN... HOW DOES IT ...

AH. I'VE BEEH WAITING A LONG TIME TO TELL YOU THIS PARTICULAR SECRET ...

... AND AT LAST THE TIME HAS COME THAT I CAN REVEAL HER TO YOU !
"HER" ?!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT , HONOKA ?
?!
FWSH
!!

ho...
HONOKA?!
BUT...
BUT WHY
IS SHE
HERE
?!
OH CRAP...
DON'T TELL
ME SHE'S...
..dead?
AH! SHE SHRUNK, TOO.

THIS IS
HONOKA'S
SPIRITUAL
"GOD PIECE"
ho
HONOKA'S
?!
Y-YOU
MEAN THAT
KID'S REALLY
A GODDESS
?!

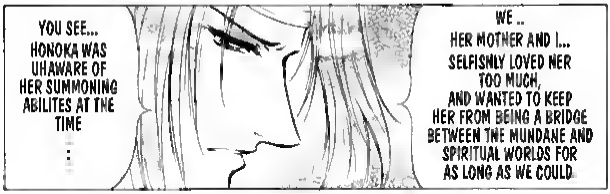

HONOKA IS...
"THE PROTECTIVE
VESSEL"
FOR THE SPIRIT OF
TAKEMIKA
ZUCHINO
MIKOTO.
IT HAS
BEEN HER
DESTINY FROM
BIRTH TO
BE HIS
"CHANNELLER".

AND IT
WAS ON...
THAT DAY...
THAT HER
ABILITIES TO
CALL FORTH THE
"FUTSUNO-OKAMI"
.....
...TO BE THE...
-FAMILIAR-
FOR
"TAKEMIKA
ZUCHINO MIKOTO"
.....
AWAKENED.
WHAT
day
?

THE DAY ... I DIED.
!!
AT THE TIME, I DIDN'T EXPECT FUTSUNO-MITAMA TO BREAK.
SLASH
BUT I KNOW NOW WHY IT DID.
YOU SEE, MY DUTY WAS OVER ...
...BECAUSE TAKEMIKA ZUCHINO MIKOTO'S TRUE HEIR ... HAD COME OF AGE.
true ... HEIR ?!

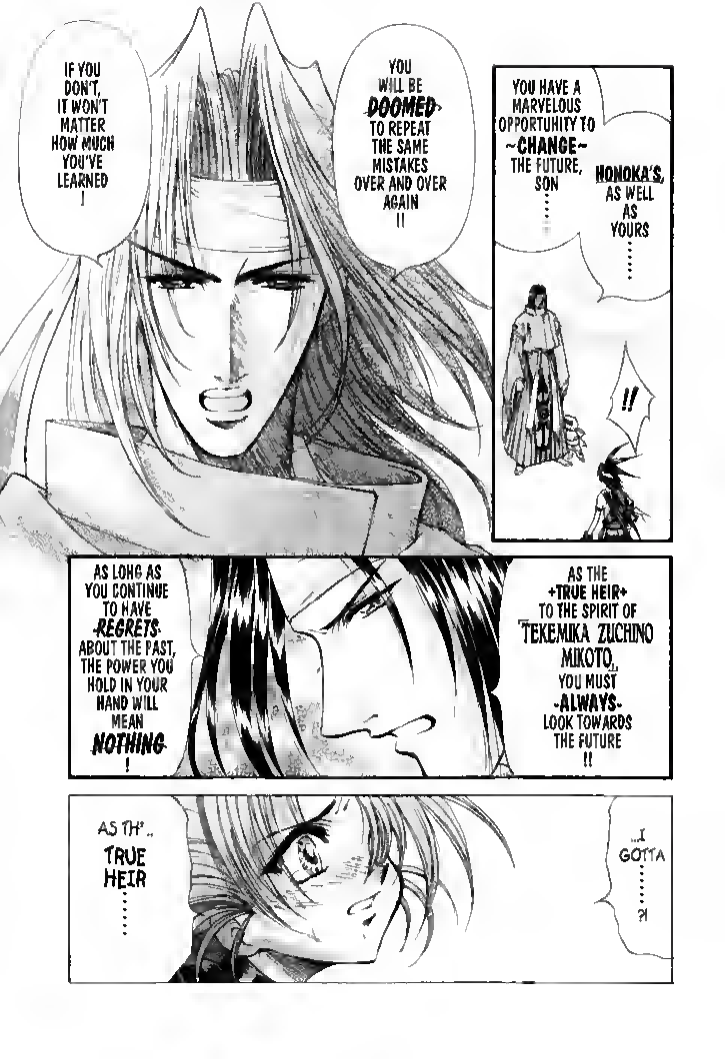
THAT'S RIGHT, MIKAZUCHI!
YOU'VE GROWN UP WISE ENOUGH AND STRONG ENOUGH
. . .
...TO BECOME THE -HEIR AND HOST- OF TAKEMIKA ZUCHINO MIKOTO'S SACRED SWORD OF POWER !!
FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD, MASTER, IF I COULD-A USED FUTSUNO-MITAMA, YOU WOULD'NA HAD TA DIE !!
NOW CAN YOU TELL ME NOW THAT I COULDA USED THIS FRIGGIN' GOD-POWER BACK THEN ?!
!!
n-no...
NO WAY
YOU CAN'T BE
serious

THAT'S
NOT THE WAY IT WORKS, MIKAZUCHI.
THE POWER OF THE GODS NEEDED TO AWAKEN FUTSUNO-MITAMA CAN ONLY BE SUMMONED
BY THE SACRED PRAYERS OF ITS FAMILIAR
OTHERWISE, IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN A MERE KATANA.
SUH. SACRED
PRAYERS ?!


YOU SEE... HONOKA WAS UNAWARE OF HER SUMMONING ABILITES AT THE TIME
WE .. HER MOTHER AND I... SELFISHLY LOVED HER TOO MUCH, AND WANTED TO KEEP HER FROM BEING A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE MUNDANE AND SPIRITUAL WORLDS FOR AS LONG AS WE COULD

TO OUR EVERLASTING SHAME, WE KEPT THE RIGHTFUL -FAMILIAR- FROM MEETING THIS CHILD, HER SPIRITUAL "GOD PIECE".
AND NOW I FEAR THAT NONOKA MAY BE TOO OLD TO EVER AWAKEN THIS ASPECT OF HERSELF !

SO... YOU'RE SAYIN' THAT HONOKA CAN NEVER DO THIS "FAMILIAR" THING ?
HER SPIRITUAL PIECE IS HERE IN THE REALM BETWEEN THE LANDS OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, WHEREAS HER MOTHER AND I...
SO WE ARE FORBIDDEN TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR DAUGHTER IN ORDER TO COMPLETE HER TRAINING
HOWEVER, NOW THERE IS YOU, MIKAZUCHI!
YOU CAN DEFINETLY REUNITE HONOKA WITH HER SPIRITUAL ASPECT !
NO WAY... I CAN'T DO SUMPEN LIKE THAT
ON? AND WHY DO YOU THINK THAT ?
CUZ I JUST CAN'T, THAT'S WHY !!
YOU'RE HER -FATHER- F'R CRYIN' OUT LOUD!
HOW C'N I BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR THAT ?!
I'M JUST... JUST A...
ARRRRRGH!!! WHAT TH' HELL GOOD IS IT FOR ME TA BE ABLE TA USE "FUTSUNO-MITAMA" NOW, ANYWAY ?!
YOU'RE STILL... I COULDN'T...
FUCK !!
STOP LIVING IN THE PAST, MIKAZUCHI !


IF YOU DON'T, IT WON'T MATTER HOW MUCH YOU'VE LEARNED !
YOU WILL BE DOOMED TO REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKES OVER AND OVER AGAIN !!
YOU HAVE A MARVELOUS OPPORTUNITY TO ~CHANGE~ THE FUTURE, SON ……
HONOKA'S, AS WELL AS YOURS ……
!!
AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE TO HAVE -REGRETS- ABOUT THE PAST, THE POWER YOU HOLD IN YOUR HAND WILL MEAN NOTHING !
AS THE +TRUE HEIR+ TO THE SPIRIT OF "TEKEMIKA ZUCHINO MIKOTO", YOU MUST -ALWAYS- LOOK TOWARDS THE FUTURE !!
AS TH'.. TRUE HEIR ……
..I GOTTA …… ?!

FLASH
THAT'S RIGHT.
-NEVER- FORGET THAT.
AH
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT OUR TIME IS UP
...
WHAT ?!
...YOU MUST RETURN TO THE LAND OF THE LIVING
.
AND I TO THE LAND OF THE DEAD.
NO-!!
YOU'RE -FOURTEEN- YEARS OLD, SON.. PLEASE DON'T ACT LIKE A CHILD.
NOW, MIKAZUCHI
...
IT'S TOO SOON! YOU CAN'T GO, NOT YET !!
DON'T LEAVE ME, MASTER !!
I DON'T CARE !
THERE'S STILL SO MUCH FOR YOU TO TELL ME!
!....!
!....!!

THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO SAY, MIKAZUCHI.
YOU'RE NOT A CHILD, ANYMORE
YOU'RE A MAN, NOW
AND A SPLENDID ONE, AT THAT.
shishō
BE STRONG, MIKAZUCHI!
NO MATTER WHAT UNPLEASANTNESS MAY COME YOUR WAY, ALWAYS
ALWAYS
BE STRONG !!
SHI
shhho

PLEASE GIVE HONOKA ... HER MOTHER AND MY LOVE.
SWM
GASP!
W-WAIT! MASTER, DON'T——!
GO WEST, MIKAZUCHI!
EH?!

GO WEST WITH REVERENCE, MIKAZUCHI!
IT IS THERE THAT YOU WILL FIND THE ANSWERS YOU SEEK!
AND YOU WILL COME TO KNOW THE REASON -WHY- YOU WERE BORN AS THE TRUE HEIR OF THE SPIRIT OF TAKEMIKA ZUCHINO MIKOTO!

A -DARKNESS- IS ABOUT TO FALL UPON THE LAND, AND YOU WILL NEED THOSE ANSWERS TO FIGHT IT.
AS WELL AS.....
THE ONE CALLED
HOKUTO
ha-HOKUTO?! WHAT ABOUT HOKUTO?!
HOW D'YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM, MASTER ?!
DA
MASTER! WAIT! DON'T.....
SHISHO
!!
SH

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING, MIKAZUCHI ?!
GRAB
?!
IF YOU WANT TO GO WEST, FINE, ONLY DO IT A LITTLE LESS RECKLESSLY
DO YOU WISH TO KILL YOURSELF BEFORE YOU'VE BEGUN YOUR QUEST ?
JU
JŪBE E
SHI
KA
TOK

SHŌ-WOH-
!!
hoh
...
WOOO
JŪE-E
SHISHŌ
...
?
SO...
YOU MADE IT
BACK IN ONE
PIECE, EH,
MIKAZUCHI
?
HUH
?!
hoh
hoh
hoh
...
TUSTLE

WHENEVER A POTENTIAL HOLY SWORDSMAN TAKES THIS TEST, HE ALMOST ALWAYS RETURNS CLAIMING THAT HE MUST JOURNEY TO THE WEST THAT IS
IF HE EVEN RETURNS AT ALL
FLASH
THE ODDS ARE HUGELY STACKED -AGAINST- THE CANDIDATE LEARNING HOW TO CROSS BACK TO THIS WORLD
BUT I'LL BE DAMNED IF THE BOY DIDN'T RETURN !

WEST
IF I WANNA FIND ANY ANSWERS TA ALLA THIS
.. AN' IF I WANNA LEARN HOW TA TAKE DOWN THAT BASTICH, HOKUTO
....I GOTTA HEAD WEST !!

CASTLE EDO
DOOM
THE DEEPEST BOWELS OF ITS CATACOMBS.
RARRR

SHE
!

I SWEAR, YOUR DESCENDENTS ARE GOING TO CURSE THE NAME "HATTORI HANZŌ" FOR THE NEXT FOUR GENERATIONS TO COME !
!
ha-ha-ha! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? IS THIS HOW YOU ALWAYS PRESENT YOURSELF TO YOUR LORD WHEN YOU MAKE A REPORT ?
KT
HF
SHOW ME YOUR THOUGHTS, HANZŌ !
I MUST SEE WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN
HOA !
SIR !
PLEASE DO NOT BELITTLE THE EFFORTS OF MY SERVANT AND MERCENARY, HOKUTO-DONO
HANZŌ
YOUR REPORT, PLEASE.

WHAT'S THIS.....?!
.....?!
WARRRR
!
WARRRR
KKK

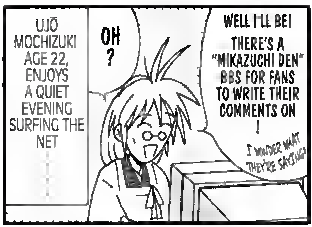
RRR
AAA
ARR
SO IT'S TRUE
SHE DOES EXISTS !
AS PROPHESIZED BY SAINT MAMAKOSU, THAT DISGUSTING MAIDEN OF LEGEND HAS ARRIVED
SAYA !!

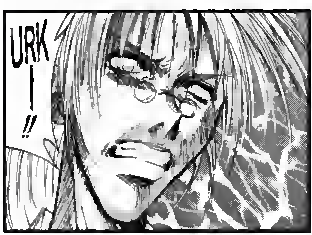
HOLY TRIAD OF THE MATARA CLAN ……
I CALL YOU !
SIR !
THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HARBORING THE FEMALE HERETIC ARE IN NEED OF "RELIGIOUS COUNCILING" ……
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REPEAT YOUR SERMONS AS OFTEN AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY UNTIL THEY HAVE REPENTED THEIR SINS !

◆to be continued◆

YET ANOTHER "Omigod-I-Still-Need-One-More-Page!" OMAKE FILLER !!

STARRING! The SIBLINGS in: "You GO, Doctor Ujō!"


UJŌ MOCHIZUKI AGE 22, ENJOYS A QUIET EVENING SURFING THE NET
OH ?
WELL I'LL BE!
THERE'S A "MIKAZUCHI DEN" BBS FOR FANS TO WRITE THEIR COMMENTS ON !
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE SAYING?



I really hope that in the next story, the old chick with the really big boobs takes her clothes off!

<just kidding!> (^.^)

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